



I'm So Glad It's Spring!

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Tammy Hendrickx's celebratory picture book *I'm So Glad It's Spring!* is an ode to the seasons that transitions from winter to spring.

The book's narrator shares her favorite parts of winter: catching snowflakes on her tongue; tobogganing with her siblings; drinking hot cocoa to warm up after a long day playing outside. Indeed, much of the book takes place in the winter, and the entrance of the next season is long awaited throughout. The eventual shift to springtime comes just over halfway through the book, when the girl exalts the beauty of green grass and robins, and enjoys splashing in puddles and swinging on the swing set.

The book's language is precise and tactile. It covers bulky snowsuits and how hot chocolate makes the girl feel "all warmed up inside and tired;" she swings up to the treetops and feels the wind in her face, trying to touch the leaves with her toes. Many pages begin with the wistful phrase "When I was little;" the repetition reinforces the book's contented sentiments.

Colored pencil illustrations are included on each spread; they bolster the book's jubilant mood. In them, a trail of pressed-down snow leads up a hill, while a blue splash of water beneath boots in puddles is a strong indication of movement. Still, some faces, feet, and hands are awkward in their constructions.

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